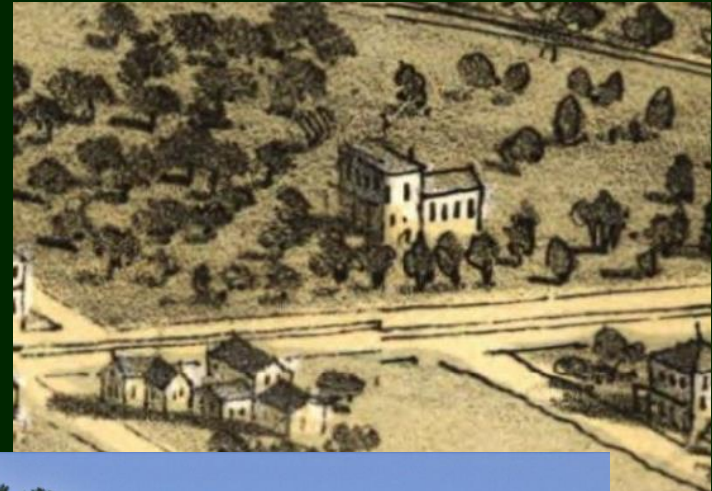


# Archaeology at the Edwards Place, Springfield, Illinois

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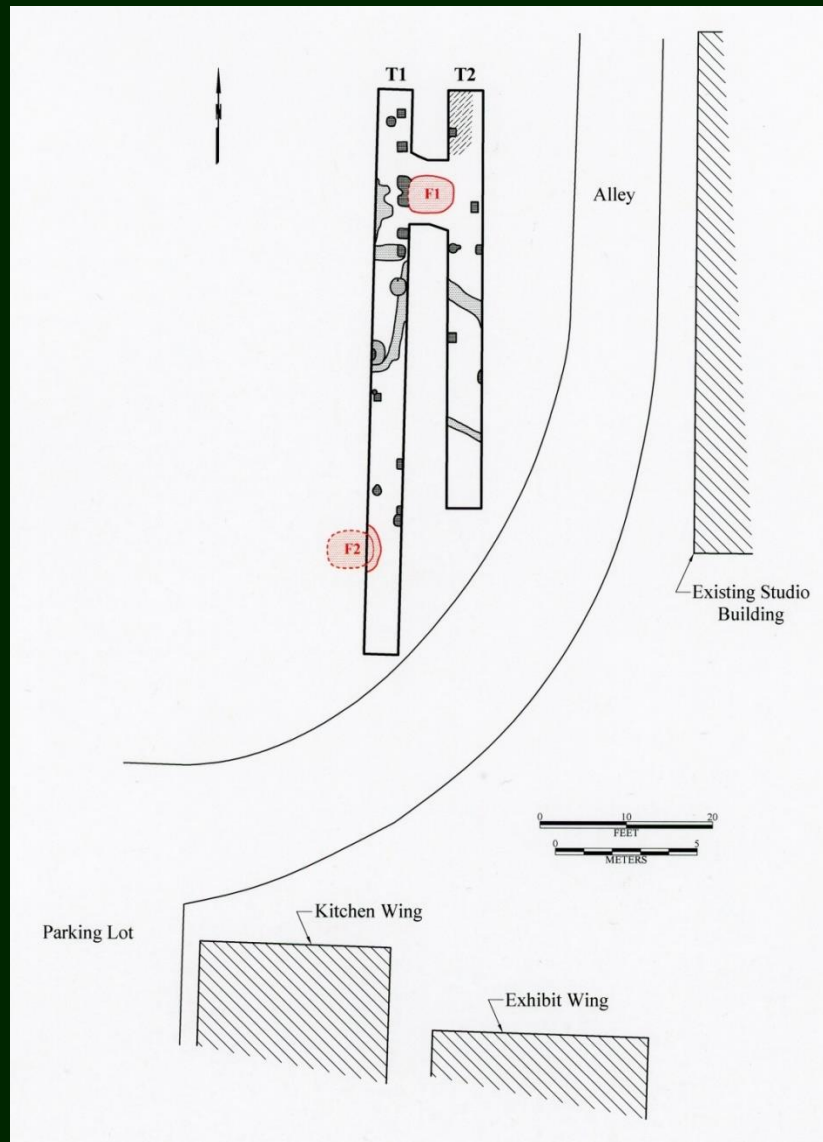






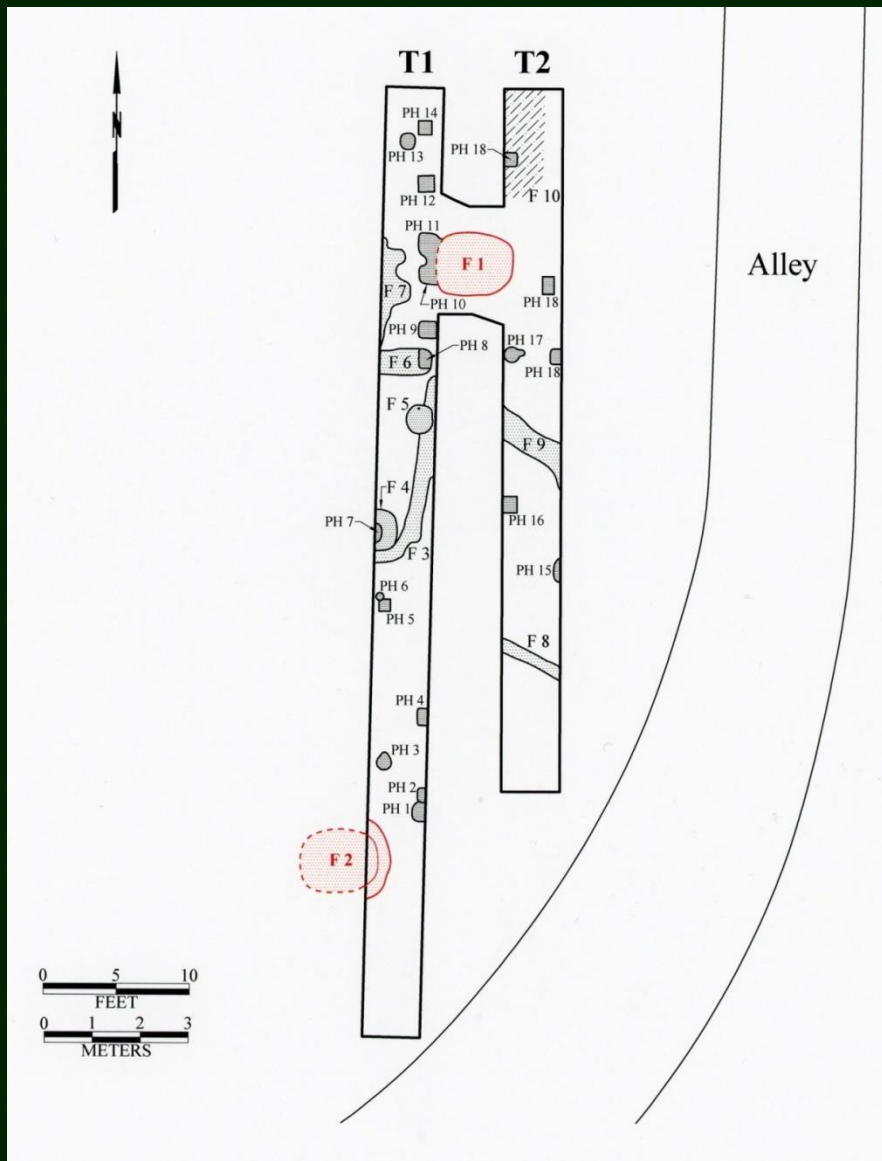
The investigations consisted of the excavation of two long backhoe trenches, and the inspection of the underlying ground surface for subsurface features.





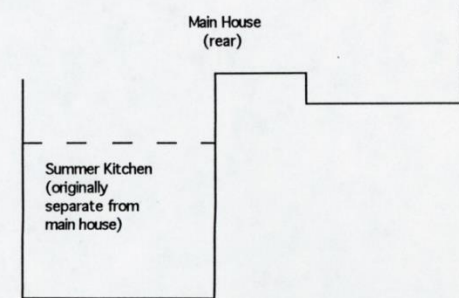
Location of Test Trench 1 and 2 in the rear of the Edwards Place. These test trenches were positioned in that area of the proposed new building's western wall—an area of high archaeological potential to be impacted by the proposed construction.





A series of post holes, middens, utility line trenches and other disturbances were documented. The most significant features encountered were two oval, brick-lined shaft features identified as Features 1 and 2 (both highlighted in red).

Feature 2 was a shaft privy excavated in the early 1990s by bottle collectors (non-professional archaeologists). This feature—which was documented by Mazrim (1995)—was only partially exposed, mapped in place, and left unexcavated by the current investigations. It will not be disturbed by the current construction activity.



● Feature One; approx 40' north of kitchen

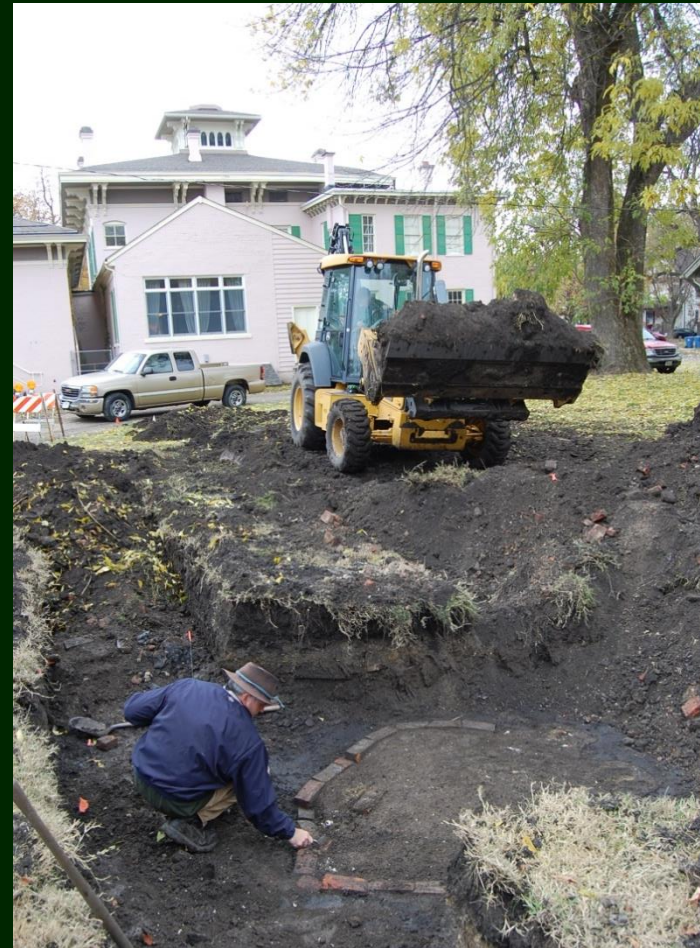
FIGURE 1  
Sketch map of location of feature one  
(not to scale)



A grab-bag sample of artifacts from the looted privy (Feature 2) were recovered from the bottle hunters, but the collection represents an unknown fraction of the original assemblage.



Initially, Feature 1 was partially exposed in Test Trench 2. Subsequent backhoe work resulted in exposing all of this feature (which consisted of opening a small block between Test Trenches 1 and 2).





Feature 1 completely exposed prior to excavation. The feature is exposed at the level of the pre-settlement ground surface.



After mapping the feature in plan view, the east half of the pit was excavated to its base. At that point, the profile was drawn...





...and then the west half of the feature was also excavated.

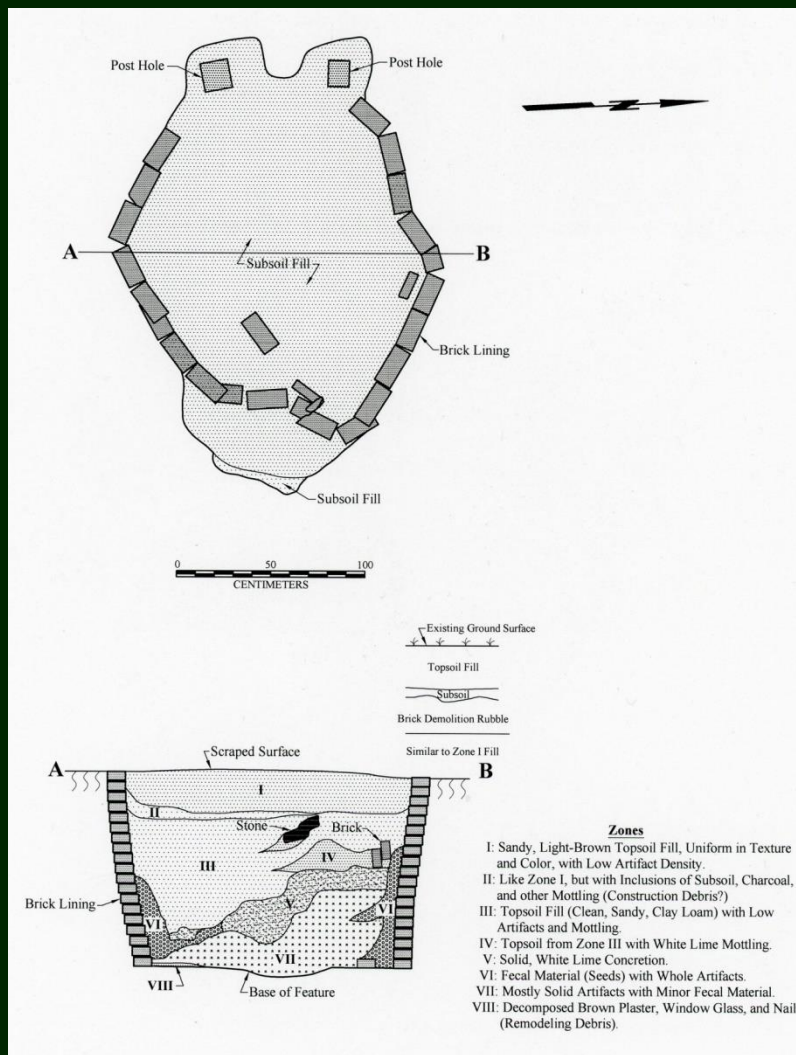




The lower deposits within this pit included obvious fecal material, but also a dense concentration of household artifacts apparently discarded whole during a single event of “house cleaning.”







Plan and profile view of  
Feature 1.

The primary fill zone from Feature 1 contained a wealth of artifacts associated with the Edwards family's early (1844-c.1860) occupation of the site. This table of artifacts represents the materials collected from one quarter of the pit.





After washing, the artifacts are sorted, and individual vessels are re-assembled in an effort to determine the minimum number of vessels present in the assemblage.



And with a bit of patience, the results are not only pleasing to look at, but have great interpretive value for the study of past lifeways, allowing the writing of social history from material culture remains—artifacts. Here is the recovered tableware plates. A small number of older edge decorated and printed wares were present, but the most common wares were plain undecorated and relief decorated wares—common wares for the 1840 and 1850s.





Although printed wares were more common in Feature 2, the same printed vessels (such as this currently unidentified blue print pattern) were present in both Features 1 (right) and 2 (left). This plate (left) was recovered from the 1990s excavation of Feature 2. Identical plates were recovered from the current investigations of Feature 1. Many other items are identical between the two features, suggesting that they may have been filled at the same time.



As noted above, artifacts from Features 1 and 2 appear to 1) represent the same materials in artifact type and date, and 2) were discarded at the same time (circa 1860). The pitcher and wash basin of this toiletry set were recovered from both Features 1 and 2. The pitcher (left) was recovered from Feature 2, and the wash basin (right) was recovered from Feature 1.





The chamber set was illustrated in a purple print identified as the GIRAFFE pattern. It was manufactured by John Ridgway, apparently sometime shortly after August 1836, when the original artwork was first published. The artwork was printed in conjunction with the first introduction of giraffes to the London Zoological Gardens (London Zoo) the previous year, 1835. This chamber set would have been relatively old when discarded in the later 1850s.



Some of the most recent tablewares are these relief decorated ironstone plates, manufactured by James Heath, but imported and sold by the St. Louis merchant R. H. Miller and Company. These plates, which represent upscale tablewares for the period, probably date to the middle 1850s.



#### Relief Decorated Ceramic Patterns

Framed Leaf	S. Alcock and Co (circa 1849-1851) J. W. Pankhurst (circa 1850) (Dieringer and Dieringer 2001:82-83)
Gothic	circa 1840s (Dieringer and Dieringer 2001:20-21)
True Scallop	James Edwards (circa 1845) (Dieringer and Dieringer 2001:29)
Grape Octagon	undated [1840s?] (Dieringer and Dieringer 2001:28)
Plain	Impressed lion and unicorn mark with shield "OPAQUE GRANITE CHINA / W. R. & CO." (1834-1854) accompanied with blue printed backstamp RIDGWAY, MORLEY, WEAR & CO. (1836-1843)





R. H. Miller and Company, an importer in "China, Glass, and Queensware," advertised in local Springfield newspapers in the mid-1850s. This advertisement was from the *Daily Illinois State Journal* (7 September 1854).



S. W. LEBLANC

**R. H. MILLER, & CO.,**  
*Importers, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in*  
**CHINA, GLASS AND QUEENWARE,**  
 Nos 32 and 34 Main st., between Chestnut and Olive sts.,  
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

**W**E would again respectfully invite the attention of our friends and the trade generally, to our **VERY LARGE AND COMPLETE STOCK OF GOODS**, selected especially for the Fall Trade, which we are now receiving by direct importation from the potteries. Our stock consists in part of—

**EARTHEN WARE**—C. C. Blue-edged, Dipped, Polished, Printed, Sponged, Painted Flown-blue and Mulberry, Fringed Flown-blue and Mulberry, Canton Blue, White Granite, Fancy Lustre and Japaned, Gold Band Granite and Blue Blue ENGLISH CHINA.

Plain White, Enamelled and Lustre, Blue and Mulberry, Raised, Figured and Gold Band; Teas, Tea Sets, Dinner, &c., of new and beautiful styles and patterns.

**FRENCH CHINA**—Plain White, Gold Band and Decorated Dinner, Tea and Toilet Sets; Vases, Mugs, &c., &c., in every variety, of our own importation. Prices very low.

**GLASS WARE**—American, (Eastern and Western), Bohemian, Bohemian and Belgian manufacture—Plain, Printed, Cut and Engraved, at the lowest prices.

English T. D. Pipes; American Pipe Heads—Yellow and Rockingham Ware.

**LOOKING GLASSES**, of best quality, all sizes by the do. or dozen.

**BRITANNIA WARE** in all its varieties, of superior quality.

**CORNELIUS' SOLAR LAMP**, Chandeliers, Rondelets, &c.

Lamp Chimneys and Solar Lamp Wicks, &c.

Assorted Grates of all sizes, for the Country, made up in our own house by most experienced workmen, and of the best kind.

We would state that our stock of Earthenware has been purchased by our resident Agent in Liverpool, Eng., and we are enabled to offer our goods at prices that will enable us to compete successfully with Jobbers in the market.

We respectfully solicit country merchants and others to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

**R. H. MILLER, & CO.,**  
 32 and 34 Main St.

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Porcelains also were well represented in the ceramic assemblage. The porcelains were predominately plain and/or undecorated and included handled cups, saucers, desert plates, and a limited number of plates. Whereas the relief decorated ironstones appear to represent the everyday tablewares, the undecorated porcelains appear to represent a dessert service.





The majority of the cups were porcelain and handled. Two cup forms were recovered. Only a single example of a London Urn shaped cup was recovered, and probably represents the earlier wares typical of the 1840s. Similarly, only two small gilded porcelain saucers were recovered. Perhaps these, too, represented the earlier wares?

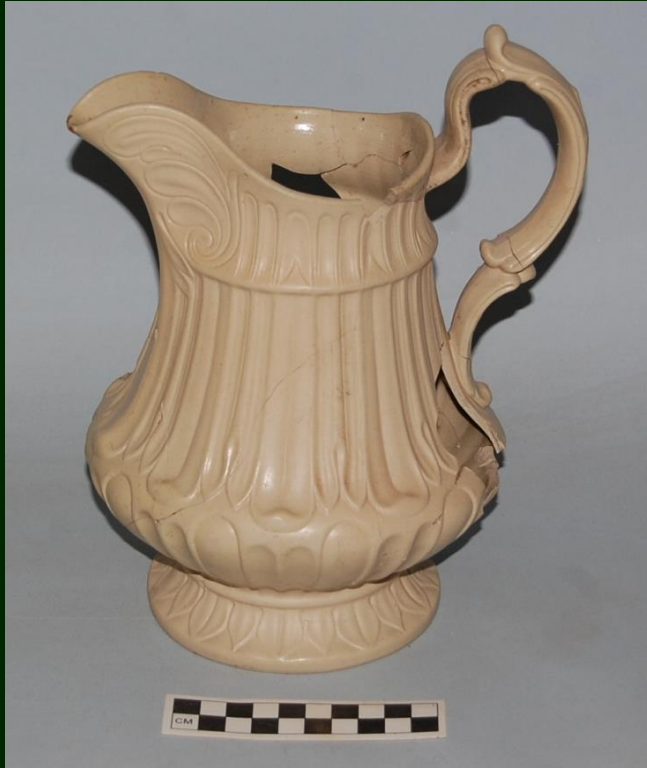


A number of footed cups were also present. These cups were predominately porcelain, and all were undecorated. Whereas the earlier cups were probably used for tea and/or coffee, these may have been used for chocolate drinks.





Numerous specialized ceramic vessels were also recovered from the assemblage and included this salt-glazed stoneware pitcher (left) and undecorated porcelain teapot (with lid; right). These represent upscale, relatively expensive wares from the 1850s.



Another interesting aspect of this assemblage is the presence of quality glass tableware. Two basic forms of tumblers were present—and included a variety of traditional fluted tumblers (left) and a set of eight distinctively molded tumblers (right). The tumbler on the right is a DIAMOND POINT pattern, potentially manufactured by the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company during the 1860s.

Besides the quality of the tumblers present...





...the quantity of the tumblers present was also noteworthy.



A variety of other glass vessel forms was also present, and included a single footed tumbler (left), syllabub glasses (middle), and handled tumblers (also known as Lemonade tumblers; right). Perhaps the single footed tumbler is a “spill holder”?





Glass tableware also included press-molded serving bowls, dessert plates, and a single cup plate. The cup plate was decorated with a patriotic American Eagle. The two dessert plates were decorated with a distinctive pattern identified as the Comet pattern, and believed to have been inspired by the appearance of Halley's Comet in 1835.



Numerous lamp shades and lamp globes were also present in the assemblage, and were clearly discarded whole. This is an undecorated “Turban-Style” oil lamp shade from the privy pit. It is similar to a highly decorated example recovered from a circa 1840 pit excavated as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum—one of the only other known examples I have seen.



Primary artifacts from Feature 6, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library project area, and once associated with the Simeon Francis family. Discarded circa 1840.



And not to be forgotten were the ubiquitous chamber pots...



The chamber pots were represented by both undecorated pearlware and creamware lidded pots (the two on the right), a printed whiteware pot (second from left), and a relief decorated ironstone pot (far left). These wares document the transition in wares in common use from the 1820s through 1860s.

Also recovered were utilitarian kitchenwares and commercial food containers. The utilitarian kitchenwares included redware bowls, and a salt-glazed stoneware preserve jar and large 5-gallon jar (left). Commercial food containers document a variety of pickles/relishes, jams/jellies, sauces, and imported olive oil (right).





Besides the ceramic and glass artifacts recovered from this privy pit, a great variety of “small finds” were also present—and included hair pins, a bone toothbrush, bone and ebony dominos, chess pieces, tobacco pipes, and fragments of several folding fans (such as the one illustrated here).



A large number of whole and/or restorable bottles were recovered from the privy pit at the Edwards Place. These bottles also “give voice” to the pre-Civil War era Edwards family. The following discussion focuses predominately on the embossed bottles from this assemblage, and only makes occasional reference to non-embossed glass and other items.



### Embossed Bottles (Feature 1)

#### Household

SPALDING'S / GLUE

#### Food/Extracts

PRESTON / BOSTON [Lemon concentrate]

J. PRESTON / BOSTON [Lemon concentrate]

PRESTON & MERRILL / BOSTON [Extract]

J. L. LEAVITT / BOSTON [Extract]

E. R. DURKEE & CO. / NEW YORK ["& Co" added in 1858] [Spices]

LONDON [Mustard]

#### Perfumes/Colognes

LUBIN / PARFUMEUR / PARIS

D. MITCHELL // ROCHESTER, N.Y. [Tapered body; unpointed; 1859-1865]

X. BAZIN / AROMATIC VINEGAR / PHILADA [Perfume]

ROUSSEL'S / AROMATIC VINEGAR / PHILADA [Perfume; unpointed French Square]

#### Hair/Skin Products

HAIR RESTORATIVE /DEPOTS

MRS. S. A. ALLEN'S // WORLD'S HAIR / RESTORER // 355 BROOME ST. / NEW YORK [unpointed]

FOR / THE / HAIR // LYON'S // KATHAIRON // NEW YORK

WOODLAND / CREAM / FETRIDGE / & CO. / NEW YORK

BALM / OF / THOUSAND / FLOWERS / FETRIDGE & CO. / NEW YORK [Toothpaste]

#### Medicines

DR. A. E. GEOGHEGAN // CURE FOR / SCROFULA // LOUISVILLE, KY [Cure for lymph node swelling]

OSGOOD'S // INDIA / CHOLAGOGUE / NEW YORK [moved to New York in 1859] [Fever and/or Ague]

Dr. D. JAYNE'S / CARMINATIVE / BALSAM / PHILADA [Cholera/Diarrhea]

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E. D. BEACH / NEW ORLEANS [Cholera/Diarrhea]

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B. FOSGATES / ANODYNE / CORDIAL [Cholera/Diarrhea]

Dr. TOPPING'S / ALTERNATIVE & / CATHARTIC SYRUP [Cholera/Diarrhea]

Dr. HAMILTON'S // SYRUP OF BLACKBERRY / & SASSAFRAS [Cholera/Diarrhea]

B. A. / FAHNSTOCKS / VERMIFUGE [Worms]

MEXICAN / MUSTANG / LINIMENT [Wounds/Sores/Rheumatism]

DR. McMUNN'S / ELIXIR OF OPIUM [Nervous Irritability/Hysteria]

F. BROWN / DRUGS / COR CHES' & 5<sup>TH</sup> ST. / PHILADA [Indeterminate]

Dr. WOOD'S // SARSAPARILLA / & / WILD CHERRY // BITTERS [Scrofula/Dyspepsia/Indigestion]

#### Liquor

PATENTED [black glass, cylindrical liquor]

#### Indeterminate

LEWIS & CO.



# Common Household Items: Glue and Inks



The Spalding Glue bottle is at far left. None of the inks were embossed. Not pictured was a large master ink bottle with pouring spout.

**Spalding's Prepared Glue!**  
 "A Stitch in Time saves Nine."  
**ECONOMY!**  
**Dispatch!**  
**Save the Pieces!**

As accidents will happen, even in well regulated families, it is very desirable to have some cheap and convenient way for repairing Furniture, Toys, Crockery, &c.

**SPALDING'S PREPARED GLUE**  
 meets all such emergencies, and no household can afford to be without it. It is always ready and up to the sticking point. There is no longer a necessity for limping chairs, splintered veneers, headless dolls and broken cradles. It is just the article for cone, shell and other ornamental work, so popular with ladies of refinement and taste.

This admirable preparation is used cold, being chemically held in solution, and possessing all the valuable qualities of the best cabinet makers' glue. It may be used in the place of ordinary mudlago, being vastly more adhesive.

**"USEFUL IN EVERY HOUSE."**

N. B.—A brush accompanies each bottle. Price, 25 cents.

**Wholesale Depot, 48 Cedar-st., New York.**

Address **HENRY C. SPALDING & CO.**  
 Box No. 3600 New York.

Put up for dealers in cases containing four, eight and twelve dozen—a beautiful lithographic show card accompanying each package.

**A single bottle of SPALDING'S PREPARED GLUE will save ten times its cost annually to every household.**

Sold by all prominent Stationers, Druggists, Hardware and Furniture Dealers, Grocers and Fancy Stores.

Country Merchants should make a note of SPALDING'S PREPARED GLUE when making up their list. It will stand any

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# Food: Spices and Extracts to “Spice Up” Life

## Food/Extracts

PRESTON / BOSTON [Lemon concentrate]

J. PRESTON / BOSTON [Lemon concentrate]

PRESTON & MERRILL / BOSTON [Extract]

J. L. LEAVITT / BOSTON [Extract]

E. R. DURKEE & CO. / NEW YORK [“& Co” added in 1858] [Spices]

LONDON [Mustard]



Spice and Extract bottles. From Left to Right: Preston & Merrill / Boston (1), J. Preston / Boston (8), J. L. Leavitt / Boston (1); E. R. Durkee & Co. / New York (2) .



London mustard bottle

Period advertisements for Preston & Merrill's and Durkee & Co. products. Although both company's were known for their yeast powders, these items were generally marketed in small round cans. It seems unlikely that these bottles held a yeast powder, but more likely a flavoring extract.

F. WETZELL. O. WETZELL.  
55.] FALL SUPPLIES. [1855  
Wholesale Drug Warehouse.  
**Z. F. WETZELL & CO.,**  
No. 33 Main Street, St. Louis,  
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRUGS.  
**P**OWERS & WEIGHTMAN'S Chemicals, Bazins and Lubins Perfumeries, Combs, Hair Brushes, &c., **Preston & Merrill's and Durkee's Yeast Powders**, Wines, Brandies, &c., &c., of the finest qualities for medical purposes; Potash, Pearlash, Saleratus, New Jersey and French Zinc, white, in 100, 50 and 25 lb kegs. Collier Company's White Lead, Oil, &c., New York White Lead; Pittsburgh and French Window Glass, Druggist's Glassware, Jars, Flasks, &c.; Dye Woods, Acids, Extracts, Gums, &c. Tieman's

ISR 11 August 1855; note sale of Bazin and Lubin's Perfumes, as well.

**Preston & Merrill's Yeast Powder,**  
**I**S Warranted to make light, sweet, and consequently, nutritious bread, when good flour is used, and equally adapted to loaves, hot biscuits, or rolls, buckwheat, and other griddle cakes, ginger-bread and sweet cakes of all kinds. A little added to the batter of dumplings, apple puddings, and hot pies, will make them elegantly light and much more digestible. For sale by  
sept 26 WATSON & SON.  
**Preston's Portable Lemonade.**  
**F**OR making at any moment pure and rich Lemonade, of excellent flavor, not distinguishable from that made with the fresh fruit. For sale by  
sept 26 WATSON & SON.

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# Perfume and Cologne: To Make One Smell Good

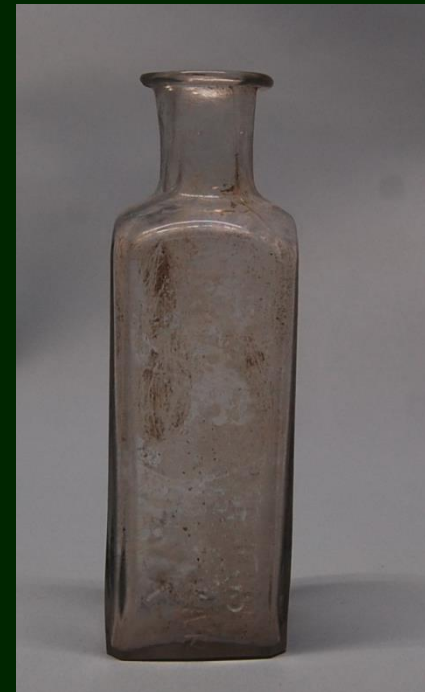
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ROUSSEL'S / AROMATIC VINEGAR / PHILADA [Perfume; unpontiled French Square]



Left to Right: D. Mitchell / Rochester, N.Y.; Lubin / Parfumeur / Paris (missing top); Unmarked scent bottle. Far Right: Roussel's / Aromatic Vinegar / Philada.

# Hair and Skin Care Products: Maybe a “Touch” of Vanity?

## Hair/Skin Products

HAIR RESTORATIVE /DEPOTS

MRS. S. A. ALLEN'S // WORLD'S HAIR / RESTORER // 355 BROOME ST. / NEW YORK [unpontiled]

FOR / THE / HAIR // LYON'S // KATHAIRON // NEW YORK

WOODLAND / CREAM / FETRIDGE / & CO. / NEW YORK

BALM / OF / THOUSAND / FLOWERS / FETRIDGE & CO. / NEW YORK [Toothpaste]



# FOR / THE / HAIR // LYON'S // KATHAIRON // NEW YORK



**Lyon's Kathairon**  
**FOR THE HAIR.**

Prevents the Hair falling out  
or becoming Gray;

Effectually promotes the Lux-  
uriant Growth and Beauty  
of the Hair.

Prevents Dandruff, allays  
Irritation, keeps the Scalp Cool.

Imparts a Rich Gloss to Hair of all Shades.

Six of these cards, different designs, sent  
by mail on receipt of 25 cents.  
Address Box 2354, N. Y. P. O.

**LYON'S KATHAIRON**  
**FOR THE HAIR**

MAID—Oh! Miss how your hair is growing through using Kathairon!

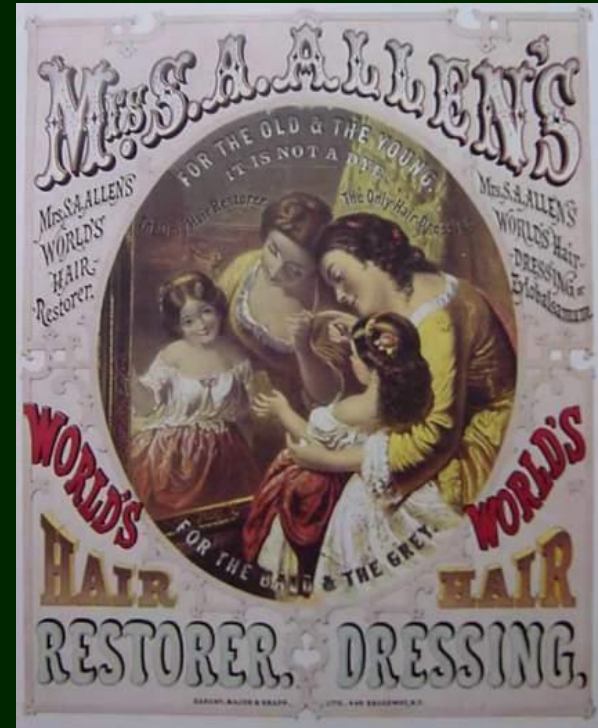
Her hair down gushing in an amful flows  
And floods her ivory neck, and glitters as she goes.

**LYON'S KATHAIRON**  
Increases the growth and Beauty of the hair,  
and is a most delightful dressing.






MRS. S. A. ALLEN'S // WORLD'S HAIR / RESTORER // 355 BROOME ST. / NEW YORK



**THE**  
*Admiration*  
**OF THE**  
**WORLD.**  
**Mrs. S. A. Allen's**  
**WORLD'S**  
**Hair Restorer**  
**IS PERFECTION!**  
**Sold by Chemists and Perfumers.**

**The Secret**  
"One Bottle did it."  
That is the expression of many who have had their gray hair restored to its natural color, and their bald spot covered with hair, after using one bottle of Mrs. S. A. ALLEN'S WORLD'S HAIR RESTORER. It is not a dye, it can do no harm. Every one speaks loud its praise. The best test of surpassing excellence is the lasting patronage received and fame allowed.



WOODLAND / CREAM / FETRIDGE / & CO. / NEW YORK  
BALM / OF / THOUSAND / FLOWERS / FETRIDGE & CO. / NEW YORK



COSMETICS, &c.

MESSRS. FETRIDGE & Co. have just moved into one of the handsomest stores on Broadway, New York city. They still manufacture and sell, at wholesale or retail, the "Woodland Cream" and "Balm of a Thousand Flowers," as advertised, as follows in their

CIRCULAR.

"WOODLAND CREAM."—A pomade for beautifying the hair. Highly perfumed, superior to any French article imported, and for half the price. For dressing ladies' hair it has no equal, giving it a bright, glossy appearance. It causes gentlemen's hair to curl in the most natural manner. It removes dandruff, always giving the hair the appearance of being fresh shampooed. Price only fifty cents. None genuine unless signed FetrIDGE & Co.

WHITE TEETH, Perfumed Breath and beautiful Complexion can be acquired by using the Balm of a Thousand Flowers. What lady or gentleman would remain under the curse of a disagreeable breath, when using the Balm of a Thousand Flowers as a dentrifice would not only render it sweet, but leave the teeth as white as alabaster? Many persons do not know their breath is bad, and the subject is so delicate that their friends will never mention it. Beware of counterfeits. Be sure each bottle is signed FetrIDGE & Co., N. Y. For sale by all druggists.



“The Balm of a Thousand Flowers” was a toothpaste powder—an uncommon product at mid-century domestic sites. Also present was a toothbrush, as well as a bath set consisting of toothbrush and soap covers.

**THE BALM**  
OF  
**A THOUSAND FLOWERS,**  
FOR—  
**Beautifying the Complexion,**  
AND REMOVING  
**ALL FRECKLES, PIMPLES, OR ERUPTIONS**  
**FROM THE FACE,**  
**LEAVING THE SKIN PURE, SOFT, AND WHITE.**

We give below four things we guarantee this Balm will do:

**TO BEAUTIFY THE COMPLEXION,**  
Wet a towel, pour on two or three drops of the BALM, and wash the face night and morning. In a very short time you will perceive the magical effect.

**HOW TO CURL HAIR, LEAVING IT BRIGHT AND GLOSSY,**  
Rub on a small quantity of pomatum or bear's grease, then dip the hands in cold water, pour on your hands three or four drops of the "Balm of Thousand Flowers," for sale by any Druggist; rub it through the hair, and you can curl it in any manner you please. Some hair may not curl easily at first, but by a few applications it will be rendered perfectly easy.

**SHAVING MADE EASY.**  
Every person who shaves himself (and every gentleman ought), will find the "Balm of Thousand Flowers" the most agreeable article for that purpose; dip your brush in either warm or cold, or even salt water, pour one, two, or three drops of "Balm," and rub it on the face. It not only makes a delightful lather, but alleviates the pain consequent on shaving, rendering the shaven part soft, white, and healthy. In using this article, you dispense with all shaving apparatus but brush and razor. Price only fifty cents a bottle, will last longer than fifty cents' worth of ordinary shaving soap, while it removes from the face all pimples and blemishes whatever.

**A SWEET AND PERFUMED BREATH**  
May easily be acquired by using this "Balm" as a dentifrice. Wet your brush and pour on a single drop; wash the teeth night and morning; in a very short time they will become white as alabaster, and the breath sweet as the roses, of which the "Balm" is composed. The Proprietors will forfeit

**ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS**  
where it can be proven there has been a single failure.

The *Kitchener's Magazine* says of it:  
"It is not our wont to allude to kindred fabrications, but we can say, from the ocular proof, that the 'Balm of a Thousand Flowers,' a preparation for removing tan, pimples, and freckles from the face, shaving, cleansing the teeth, and curling the hair, sold by FETTRIDGE & CO., Boston, is the best article of its kind we have ever encountered. It is, in reality, all that it purports to be."

**FETRIDGE & CO., Manufacturers and Proprietors,**  
**BOSTON AND NEW YORK.**





# Liquor: For that Special Social Occasion



Several black glass ale or brandy bottles were marked "PATENT."

The flask is a traditional Eagle flask typical of the 1850s.

Several unmarked wine bottles were also present in the assemblage.

# The Medicines: Treating Ailments

## Medicines

DR. A. E. GEOGHEGAN // CURE FOR / SCROFULA // LOUISVILLE, KY [Cure for lymph node swelling]  
OSGOOD'S // INDIA / CHOLAGOGUE / NEW YORK [moved to New York in 1859] [Fever and/or Ague]  
Dr. D. JAYNE'S / CARMINATIVE / BALSAM / PHILADA [Cholera/Diarrhea]  
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E. D. BEACH / NEW ORLEANS [Cholera/Diarrhea]  
F. BROWN'S / ESS OF / JAMAICA GINGER / PHLADA [Cholera/Diarrhea]  
B. FOSGATES / ANODYNE / CORDIAL [Cholera/Diarrhea]  
Dr. TOPPING'S / ALTERNATIVE & / CATHARTIC SYRUP [Cholera/Diarrhea]  
Dr. HAMILTON'S // SYRUP OF BLACKBERRY / & SASSAFRAS [Cholera/Diarrhea]  
B. A. / FAHNESTOCKS / VERMIFUGE [Worms]  
MEXICAN / MUSTANG / LINIMENT [Wounds/Sores/Rheumatism]  
DR. McMUNN'S / ELIXIR OF OPIUM [Nervous Irritability/Hysteria]  
F. BROWN / DRUGS / COR CHES' & 5<sup>TH</sup> ST. / PHILADA [Indeterminate]  
Dr. WOOD'S // SARSAPARILLA / & / WILD CHERRY // BITTERS [Scrofula/Dyspepsia/Indigestion]



Dip molded vials were plentiful and came in a variety of shapes and sizes (round and multi-sided; short and tall). These vials, more than likely, contained medicines packaged and/or prepared by local pharmacists (such as Birchall & Owen).

**TO THE PUBLIC.**  
**WE** would invite the attention of our community to our new  
**PRESCRIPTION ESTABLISHMENT.**  
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Price \$1 per bottle, or 6 bottles for \$5; also for sale wholesale to the trade, at \$8 per doz. For sale by

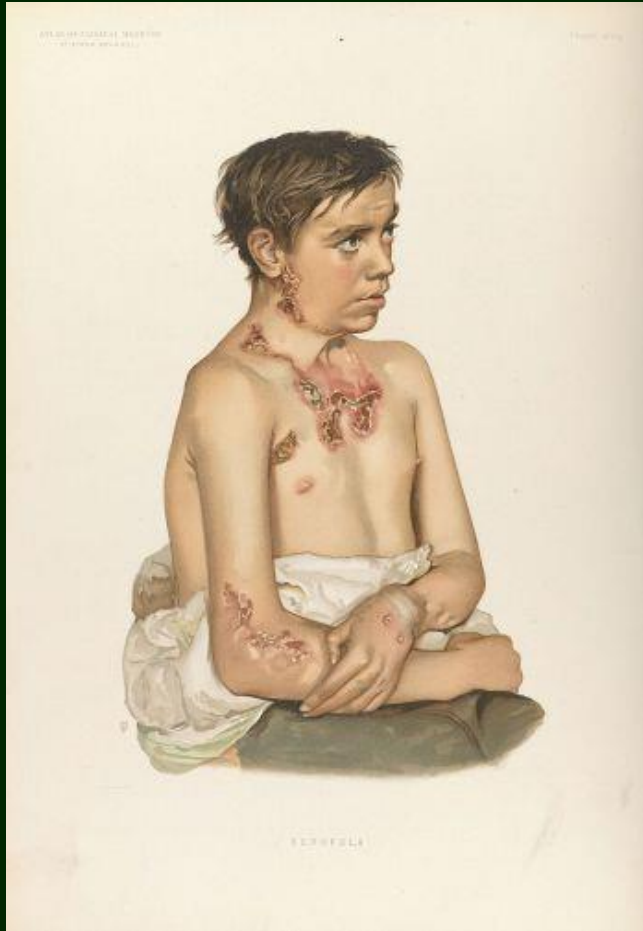
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April 20. —d&wtf

ISR 7 October 1854

## “Young man with a typical case of scrofula.”



Bramwell, Byrom. *Young Man with a Typical Case of Scrofula*. 1893. General Collections, Wellcome Library, London. In *Atlas of Clinical Medicine*. Vol. 2. Edinburgh: T. & A. Constable, 1892-1896.

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Dr. OSGOOD'S INDIA CHOLAGOGUE, which has gained such notoriety in the cure of Fever and Ague, and other bilious affections, may be found at Maynard's Drug Store. This medicine was prepared by a regular physician, and is the result of an extensive practice of several years in a bilious climate. Those who have used it themselves, or seen its salutary effects upon others, need no farther evidence of its great value. A small treatise on the "causes, treatment and cure of fever and ague and other diseases of bilious climates," may be had gratis of the above agents.

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### "Rebekah at the Well—the Approach of the Servant,"

Is very satisfactorily delineated in the Seventeenth Card of our Album Series. In design and execution we think it an advance on preceding issues, and we hope for it an even more favorable reception.

During all these seasons of the year DR. D. JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT should be kept in every household, for in all families troublesome COUGHS AND COLDS are likely to occur,—CROUP, to suddenly endanger the lives of your Children; BRONCHIAL or THROAT AFFECTIONS to rapidly develop, or LUNG DISORDERS and CONSUMPTION to dangerously threaten. Do what you will, WHOOPING-COUGH will claim its victims, and in our trying climate, ASTHMA, PLEURISY, and Acute Inflammations of the THROAT and LUNGS are sure, more or less, to prevail. Is it not, therefore, both prudent and economical to keep by you a remedy that may be safely resorted to in emergencies? If so, you will find the EXPECTORANT, taken in appropriate doses, prompt and certain in its operation, sure to ameliorate the more obstinate symptoms, and gradually to promote a permanent cure. For many, many years this sterling domestic curative has been the reliance of most families, in every condition of life, throughout the land; and in all this time, in the face of constant and multiform competition, its popularity has been steadily increasing. Can we offer any more satisfactory guarantee of its intrinsic merit?

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It has been used by great numbers of persons with the highest satisfaction, and physicians themselves have pronounced it one of the most valuable remedies known, because it positively cures the disease for which it is recommended.

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**ESSENCE OF JAMAICA GINGER!!**

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**CAUTION.**—Be sure to get the genuine essence, which is prepared only by F. BROWN, at his Drug and Chemical Store, N. E. Corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, and for sale by all the respectable Apothecaries in the United States, and in Springfield, Illinois, by W. W. WATSON & SON and CORNEAU & DILLAR. July 7th, 1853.—d&w-ly.

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### **Fosgate's Anodyne Cordial,**

**F**OR the cure of DIARRHŒAS. (commonly known by the term Dysentery,) that yearly make such dreadful havoc among children. When administered in that most distressing disease, the CHOLERA MORBUS, it never fails to produce the most happy effects. It speedily removes vomiting, griping, flatulent, and spasmodic cholics.— Its anodyne properties render it peculiarly applicable in cramps, likewise restlessness and weariness in limbs. It is peculiarly useful in Teething, as it allays irritation, induces moderate perspiration and produces sleep.

Directions accompany each bottle, and certificates from many eminent physicians.

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### **REMEDY FOR WORMS.**

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Being three times the usual strength. No medicine now in use has been so universally esteemed for its superior efficacy. It is an effectual remedy for GOUT and RHEUMATISM. In wounded tendons, it is likewise of the greatest service. BRUISES and SPRAINS it infallibly cures. Long contracted sprains are removed by it, and is of the utmost service for WEAK and RICKETY children; as also for the cramp and numbness, stiffness or weakness in the joints.— It is a most effectual remedy for BRUISES and SCALDS, extracting the fire very soon, and if used immediately, will prevent them from blistering.

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**READ THIS! READ THIS!!**

**A New Remedy for Bilious Diseases!**  
*Dr. Topping's Alternative and Cathartic Syrup.*  
**THIS MEDICINE IS PURELY VEGETABLE,** and is an infallible remedy for the Flux or Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Cholera Infantum and Summer Complaints with children. See testimony of physicians below:

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Waverly, Ill., Oct. 6, 1857. **J. M. METCALF, M. D.**  
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**T**HERE is no medicine now in use that has been so successful in the cure of the very sudden and severe attacks so much resembling cholera, as Hamilton's Syrup of Blackberry and Sassafras. For proof read the following testimony. Price only 25 cents per bottle.

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For sale wholesale and retail by Hamilton & Co., at their depot, three doors west of the post office, and by E. & W. Hamilton, Smiley Henderson, B. F. Stephenson, and at each of the Drug Stores, in Jacksonville, also by J. M. BURKHARDT, Springfield, Ills.  
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REMEDY FOR EXPELLING WORMS  
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This standard and valuable preparation has now been before the public twenty-six years, and there cannot be any better evidence offered of its efficiency, than its constantly increasing reputation. It is without doubt the safest and most effectual medicine for expelling worms from the system, that has ever been discovered. Nor is the knowledge of its remedial virtues confined to the United States, but there is a constant demand for it from England, South America, West Indies, &c. where it is extensively used. It is perfectly harmless, and may be administered with the utmost safety to children of all ages.

Physicians do not hesitate to recommend it, and use it exclusively in their practice. Many of the most eminent and skillful of the profession, from all parts of the country, testify as to its uniform success. In fact, it *never fails*, when the patient is afflicted with worms. This should be borne in mind by parents, when efforts are made to persuade them to try something else, said to be as good as B. A. Fahnestock's Vermifuge; and as they value the health and lives of their children, avoid all such imitations, got up with no other motive than that of making money. If all parents would carefully read the experience of others, recorded in the following pages, and profit by it, a vast amount of suffering would be relieved, and the lives of many children saved. This medicine has been frequently given to children as a safe purgative, not suspecting the cause of the illness, and large quantities of worms were discharged, and immediate relief afforded. Certificates are daily received, testifying to the never-failing virtues of B. A. Fahnestock's Vermifuge, which should be carefully read by all.

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**FOR SCROFULA AND IMPURITY OF THE BLOOD.**  
 Dr. Keeler's Vegetable Panacea; Dr. Wood's Wild  
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G. MACOMBER.

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 Backus & Bull, 234 River-st., Troy.  
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## DR. McMUNN'S / ELIXIR OF OPIUM



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Very respectfully yours,  
**EDWIN WEBB, M. D.**

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Gentlemen,—I give you the results of my experience with Dr. McNeill's Elixir of Opium, in a severe case of Hooping Cough, as requested by you. Having recently had several cases under treatment, I was induced to try the Elixir, combined with an equal portion of a weak solution of Hydrocyanic Acid. I administered it on a child one year old, one drop of the mixture on a spoon of sugar, three or four times a day, and the child recovered, my favor being so, the operation was almost immediately stopped. In a second case, however, after the child was brought free and away unexpectantly. I could not find the combination a more valuable remedy in the treatment of Hooping Cough.

Yours respectfully,  
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As the archaeological data, and this 1852 advertisement suggests, the Edward's family had access to all of the “*most popular and best Patent Medicines of the day.*” The presence of these bottles in this household's trash suggest that the family purchased medicines for the treatment of a variety of medical conditions.

**Genuine**  
**PATENT MEDICINES, JUST RECEIVED AT**  
**BIRCHALL & OWEN,**

**A** MONG which are the following :—  
Wistar's balsam of Wild Cherry;  
Ayers' cherry pectoral;  
Osgood's India Cholagogue;  
Rogers' Liverwort and Tar;  
Clark's Syrup, Wild Cherry and Tar;  
Mortimore's Bitter Cordial;  
" Rheumatic Compound;  
Jayne's Medicines;  
Fahnestock's Vermifuge;  
McLean's "  
Thompson's Eye Water;  
Gardiner's N. and B. Liniment;  
And in fact all the most popular and best Patent Medicines of  
the day—warranted genuine; wholesale and retail.  
Feb. 27, 1852.

Ailments Treated:

Cholera/Diarrhea  
Fever/Ague [Malaria]  
Worms  
Wounds/Rheumatism  
Scrofula  
Dyspepsia/Indigestion  
Nervous Irritability/Hysteria

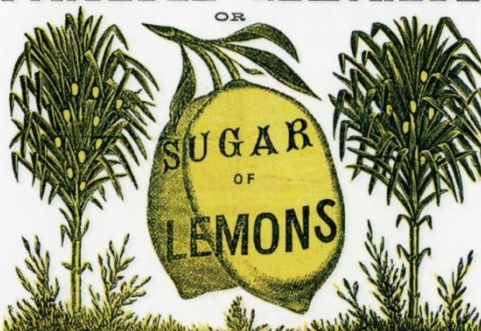
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Numerous bottles embossed “J. PRESTON / BOSTON” were recovered from both Features 1 and 2. Beginning in the later 1830s, Preston marketed a lemon concentrate that he referred to as his “Lemon Concrete.” The lemon concentrate once present in these numerous bottles recovered from these two features probably was used to produce Lemonades and Lemon Syllabubs—and like the great variety of glass tablewares, attests to the extravagance of the Edwards family entertaining during the pre-Civil War years.

**PRESTON'S  
PORTABLE LEMONADE,**

OR



For making at any moment PURE and RICH LEMONADE, of excellent quality, and not distinguishable from that made of Fresh Fruit.

**PRESTON'S  
PORTABLE LEMONADE,  
OR SUGAR OF LEMONS**

is manufactured from the finest steam loaf sugar and purified lemon juice and will retain its freshness in any climate, without contracting the ungrateful, musty flavor, so prevalent in the Lemon Syrup.

It furnishes to families, to the sick and to travelers by land or sea the means of enjoying at all seasons a drink at once refreshing, delicious and healthful, while its extreme compactness admirably adapts it for transportation.

**MANUFACTURED ONLY BY  
PRESTON & MERRILL, CHEMISTS, cor. Purchase & Congress St.,  
BOSTON**

WHO ALSO MANUFACTURE  
**INFALLIBLE YEAST POWDER,**  
For Making Light, Sweet Bread, Cakes, Dumplings, Griddle Cakes, &c.,  
AND  
**COOKING EXTRACTS**  
THE GENUINE FLAVORS OF  
**LEMON, VANILLA, CINNAMON, PEACH, NUTMEG, ALMOND, ORANGE, ROSE**  
For Frostings, Puddings, Sauces, Custards, Cakes, Jellies, Ice Creams, &c.

<p>EXTRACT OF GINGER, for making Drinks and Cakes</p> <p>EXTRACT OF COCHINEAL, for Coloring Jellies</p> <p>ERASIVE SALT, for Removing Stains of Ink, Iron Rust, and Fruit from Clothing, Table Linen, &amp;c.</p>	<p>EXTRACT OF CELERY } For Soups,</p> <p>EXTRACT OF CLOVES } Pickles, &amp;c.</p>
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The glass tablewares from this assemblage were associated with upscale entertaining—and included handled tumblers (often referred to as Lemonade tumblers) and syllabub glasses. Syllabub glasses were used to serve a frothy beverage common during the early years of the nineteenth century.





A circa 1855-60 table setting associated with the Edwards family's social entertainment activities. This represents a very upscale table setting associated with tea/coffee and "finger food" and/or "sweets."



The materials from the Edwards family privy contrasts dramatically with contemporary assemblages—and represents significant comparative materials for future studies. The materials from the Edwards privy is distinctive in both the quantity and quality of the items recovered—and attest to the socio-economic status of the family during this time.



These two later 1850s/early 1860s privies excavated in Springfield illustrate this point—one associated with a working class Portuguese laborer (right; Feature 18, St. Johns MOB), and the a second associated with a more affluent merchant (and one-time Springfield mayor) (left; Feature 57, ALPLM Parking East).



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## Unanswered Questions Awaiting Further Research:

- 1) Were artifacts discarded in a sequential manner, over a number of years (perhaps over a period of time spanning approximately two decades)?
  - 2) If the artifacts were discarded in a single episode and represent a cleaning out of the house and/or summer kitchen, what was the impetus of that action? What was that significant event—a wedding?
  - 3) When was the privy pit finally abandoned and no longer used for household trash disposal?
  - 4) Were Features 1 and 2—which have very similar materials in them—abandoned and filled at the same time?
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## To Summarize Status of Current Research:

- 1) The artifact assemblage probably was discarded in a single event, sometime circa 1860.
- 2) The artifact assemblage is rather unique in both the QUANTITY and QUALITY of items present. Artifacts are numerous and represent upscale materials.
- 3) The artifact assemblage has given us new insights into the health conditions of the Edwards family and their servants. Medicines document a wide range of ailments common during the 1850s.
- 4) The artifact assemblage documents a wide range of household activities—but one that stands out from contemporary households is the number of artifacts associated with SOCIAL DRINKING and/or ENTERTAINING OF GUESTS.

Stay tuned, as the research will proceed...

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